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H. B. No. 3220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the labeling of consumer goods produced through the use of child labor; providing a criminal penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 35, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Section 35.55 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.55. LABELING OF CONSUMER GOODS PRODUCED THROUGH USE OF CHILD LABOR. (a) In this section:

(1) "Child" means an individual younger than 16 years of age.

(2) "Consumer good" means a good that is used or bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

(3) "Mark" means to affix a label, sticker, or writing to a good in a manner that is as permanent as the nature of the good permits.

(b) A person may not sell a consumer good produced through the use of child labor unless the good is marked legibly in a conspicuous place to indicate to a consumer that child labor was used to produce the good.

(c) A person who violates this section commits an offense. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the

1 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
2 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
3 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
4 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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Read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Industry

Reported favorably (as amended)
(as substituted)

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)
(Local & Consent Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend)
by a vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting)

Engrossed

Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

Received from the House

Read and referred to Committee on _____

Reported favorably _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)
(yeas, nays)

Read second time, _____, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)
(a viva voce vote)
(yeas, nays)

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of yeas, nays

Read third time, _____, and passed by (a viva voce vote)
(yeas, nays)

Returned to the House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER SENATE ACTION:

_____ Returned from the Senate (as substituted)
(with amendments)

_____ House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House conferees appointed: _____, Chair; _____,
_____, _____, _____

_____ Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chair;
_____, _____, _____

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays)